

Pk's Perspectives ...

Dwight L. Moody once wrote: "The world does not understand theology or dogma, but it understands love and sympathy." What does love look like to 4-8 year old kids? Slow down for a few minutes to read this...

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds: 'What does love mean?' The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore... so my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

Rebecca - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Billy - age 4

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."

Chrissy - age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

Terri - age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is okay." *Danny - age 8*

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen." *Bobby - age 7*

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." *Nikka - age 6*

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."

Tommy - age 6

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore." *Cindy - age 8*

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." *Clare - age 6*

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." *Elaine - age 5*

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." *Chris - age 7*

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." *Karen - age 7*

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

Jessica - age 8

And the final one relayed by a mom: our next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, our four year old son went into the neighbor's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When I asked him what he had said to the neighbor, my little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Grace & peace, love you. PK